

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 181
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. John Hodge Jones, Superintendent of the Murfreesboro City Schools on being chosen runner-up for national Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our superlative educators who bring national attention to their school systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Hodge Jones, who has served with distinction as Superintendent of the Murfreesboro City Schools since 1982, is one such extraordinary educator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones was recently chosen as runner-up for national Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, born February 17, 1937, he is a 1955 graduate of Rockvale High School, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Speaking from David Lipscomb University in 1958, his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University in 1964 and his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones joined the Rutherford County School System as a teacher in grades 5-8 at Midland Elementary School in 1958, and served expertly as an Attendance Supervisor for the school system from 1961-1962. He was a Social Sciences and Speech teacher at Central High School from 1963-1964 and Principal at Lascassas School from 1964-1966; and

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WHEREAS, he served admirably as an Administrative Assistant with the school system from 1966-1975, as Assistant Superintendent from 1975-1982 and as Superintendent since-

1982, with a brief absence in 1986 and 1987 when he served as Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones has been an active and contributing member of the National Educational Commission on Time and Learning, the National Paideia Center Board of Directors, the American Association of School Administrators' Federal Policy and Legislation Advisory Committee, the Appalachia Educational Laboratory Board of Directors, the Tennessee Municipal League Education Advisory Committee, the Council of Chief State School Officers Study Commission on Educational Impact on the American Economy, Phi Delta Kappa, the Reorganization and Consolidation of the Rutherford County School Committee, the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, the Tennessee School Finance Reform Task Force, and the Tennessee Superintendent's Study Council Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also nominated to the Tennessee State Textbook Commission and was the founder, president, and lobbyist and is currently a member of the Tennessee Association for School Supervision and Administration; and

WHEREAS, in the true spirit of the Volunteer State, he also generously contributes his time and talent to the American Heart Association, the Boy Scouts of America, 4-H Clubs, the Business and Educational Partnership of Rutherford County, the Kiwanis Bicycle Project, Leadership Rutherford County, the Middle Tennessee Christian School Advisory Board, the Kiwanis, the Murfreesboro Recreation Commission, the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group, and the Rockvale School Parent-Teacher Organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones is a Master Mason with the Mars Hill Masonic Lodge and is a past member of the Commerce Union Bank Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he is widely sought after as a speaker and has written numerous scholarly papers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones demonstrates his strong faith as a member of the Church of Christ, where he teaches Sunday school; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend Dr. John Hodge Jones; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Dr. John Hodge Jones for his outstanding service to the educational profession and Rutherford County schools and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.